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For: HEAT THICKENING)	
COMPOSITION FOR COATING)	
SLIPS BASED ON A COPOLYMER)	
HAVING A LOW CRITICAL)	
SOLUBILITY TEMPERATURE)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read: HEAT THICKENING COMPOSITION FOR COATING SLIPS BASED ON A COPOLYMER HAVING A LOW CRITICAL SOLUBILITY TEMPERATURE